

Port State Control Safety and Environmental Protection Compliance Targeting Matrix



¹ Do not score any points in this column if the vessel is currently enrolled in the QUALSHIP 21 program

Priority (P)I Vessel

17 or more points on the Matrix, or ships involved in a marine casualty that may have affected seaworthiness, or USCG Captain of the Port (COTP) determines a vessel to be a potential hazard to the port or the environment, or ships whose classification society has a detention ratio equal to or greater than 2%. Port entry may be restricted until the Coast Guard examines the vessel.

Priority (P)II Vessel

7 to 16 points on the Matrix, or outstanding requirements from a previous examination in this or another U.S. port, or the vessel is overdue for an annual tank or passenger exam, or has not been examined within the past 12 months per column IV. Cargo operations or passenger embarkation/debarkation should be restricted until vessel is examined by the Coast Guard.

Non-Priority Vessel (NPV)

6 or fewer points on the Matrix. Vessel poses a low safety and environmental risk. The Coast Guard may select and examine vessel using the PSC random selection process.

Downgrade Clause. If a vessel has scored either a PI or PII based on points or association, and has had a USCG PSC examination within the past 6 months with no serious deficiencies, the COTP or OCMI may downgrade the vessel to NPV. If the COTP or OCMI downgrades a vessel, the COTP/OCMI will consider the vessel for the pool of random examinations